

MINUTES

JOINT COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

Monday, February 26, 2024

1:00 PM

Room A, MAC

Little Rock, Arkansas

Committee members present: Senators Ben Gilmore, Co-Chair, Matt McKee, Vice-Chair; Ricky Hill, Missy Irvin, Mark Johnson and Gary Stubblefield; Representatives Rick Beck, Co-Chair; Justin Gonzales, Vice-Chair; Steve Hollowell, Roger Lynch, Aaron Pilkington, Trey Steimel and Danny Watson

Alternate members present: Representatives Howard Beaty, Wayne Long, Mark McElroy and Stetson Painter

Other members present: Senators Linda Chesterfield and Greg Leding; Representatives Stan Berry, Jon Eubanks, Kenneth Ferguson, Lanny Fite, Denise Garner, Richard McGrew and Johnny Rye

Senator Gilmore called the meeting to order.

Consideration of a Motion to Approve the December 4, 2023, Meeting Minutes [Exhibit B]

Senator Mark Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Representative Beck, and the motion carried.

Discussion on State of the Grid and Impact of Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Rules [Handout C] Mr. Michael Nasi, Austin Environmental & Energy Attorney, Jackson Walker LLP, discussed the state of the grid and the impact of EPA rules, citing the effects of winter storm Elliot in Texas and the grid impacts of carbon rule 111, suggesting power market reforms, delaying some planned coal and gas retirements and continuing educational outreach.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.